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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, a Restriction Requirement divides the application into the following three Groups:

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- I. claims 1 – 8 and 12 - 14, drawn to subrack unit with essential plug-in units,  
classified in class 361, subclass 796;
- II. claims 9 – 11, drawn to a plug-in unit, classified in class 361, subclass 736; and
- III. claim 15, drawn to a plug-in unit, classified in class 361, subclass 740.

According to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, comprising claims 1 – 8 and 12 – 14, without traverse. Applicants reserve their right to file divisional applications relating to one or more of Groups II and III at a later date.

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